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IN THE US DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CAROLYN HUBBARD

CIVIL ACTION – LAW

405 Nelson Street

No.

Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889,

Plaintiff

v.

:

ARKEE GLOVER, JR. 7401 Phoenix Avenue El Paso, TX 79915

and

CRST EXPEDITED, INC. c/o COGENCY GLOBAL INC. 600 N. 2nd Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

and

LAWRENCE MARCANO 13217 67th Street N. West Palm Beach, FL 33412

and

S.F. DEEN TRUCKING, INC. 114-49 130th Street South Ozone, NY 11420

and

BLUE LINE GLOBAL, INC. 114-49 130th Street South Ozone, NY 11420,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), is an adult individual who resides at the above referenced address, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

- 2. Defendant, Arkee Glover, Jr., (hereinafter, "Defendant Glover") is an adult individual who resides at the above referenced address in El Paso County, Texas.
- 3. Defendant, CRST Expedited, Inc. (hereinafter, "Defendant CRST") is an Iowa corporation with a registered agent located at the above referenced address in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.
- 4. Defendant, Lawrence Marcano (hereinafter, "Defendant Marcano") is an adult individual who resides at the above referenced address in Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 5. Defendant, S.F. Deen Trucking, Inc., (hereinafter, "Defendant S.F. Deen"), is a New York corporation with a registered address at the above referenced address in Queens County, New York.
- 6. Defendant, Blue Line Global, Inc., (hereinafter, "Defendant Blue Line"), is a New York corporation with a principal place of business located at the above referenced address in Queens County, New York.
- 7. Plaintiff is not from the same state as any of the Defendants and the value of the matter in controversy exceeds, exclusive of interest and costs, the sum specified by 28 U.S.C. § 1332. Therefore, this Court has jurisdiction of this action pursuant to complete diversity of citizenship among the parties under 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 8. On or about February 13, 2021, at approximately 2:20 a.m., Defendant Glover was the operator of a 2019 tractor trailer (hereinafter, "Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck"), towing a Hyundai tanker trailer, which was at a complete stop on the right shoulder of southbound Interstate Route 81 at mile marker 55.6, in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

- 9. Upon information and belief, at the aforesaid time and location, Defendant Glover had stopped Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck onto the shoulder of the highway so he could use the bathroom.
- 10. At the aforesaid place and time, Defendant Marcano was operating a 2012 tractor trailer (hereinafter, "Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer"), towing a Wabash semi-trailer, southbound on Interstate Route 81, in the right-hand travel lane, approaching mile marker 55.6, in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
- 11. At the aforesaid place and time, as Defendant Marcano began to pass Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck on the shoulder of the highway, he negligently, carelessly, and recklessly continued to operate Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in the right-hand travel lane at approximately 60 m.p.h.
- 12. At the aforesaid place and time, as Defendant Marcano passed Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck on the shoulder of the highway, Defendant Glover suddenly and without warning, negligently, carelessly, and recklessly pulled Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck off of the shoulder, entered the right-hand travel lane directly into the path of Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer, and caused a catastrophic, horrific, fiery crash (hereinafter, the "Crash") between Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck and Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer.
- 13. At all times relevant to this action, Plaintiff was a passenger in Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer, traveling in the vehicle with Defendant S.F. Deen's and/or Defendant Blue Line's express or implied knowledge and permission.
- 14. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant CRST was the registered owner of Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck and the Hyundai tanker trailer, and Defendant Glover was operating said tanker truck with Defendant CRST's express permission.

- 15. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this action, Defendant Glover was acting within the course and scope of his employment, agency, and/or authority as a tanker truck operator for Defendant CRST.
- 16. Upon information and belief, at the time of the Crash, at the time of the Crash, Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck was filled with a flammable, hazardous material.
- 17. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Glover knew or should have known Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck was filled with a flammable, hazard material.
 - 18. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Glover held a commercial driver's license.
- 19. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant S.F. Deen was the registered owner of Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer and Defendant Marcano was operating said tractor trailer with Defendant S.F. Deen's express or implied permission.
- 20. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant Marcano was acting within the course and scope of his employment, agency, and/or authority as a tractor trailer operator for Defendant S.F. Deen.
- 21. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant Blue Line Global was the registered owner of the aforesaid Wabash trailer unit and Defendant Marcano was transporting said trailer unit with Defendant Blue Line's express or implied permission.
- 22. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this action, Defendant Marcano was acting within the course and scope of his employment, agency, and/or authority as a semi-trailer transporter for Defendant Blue Line.
- 23. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant Blue Line rented, leased, authorized and/or otherwise provided the Wabash semi-trailer to Defendant S.F. Deen and/or Defendant Marcano.

- 24. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant S.F. Deen rented, leased, authorized and/or otherwise provided the Wabash tractor trailer to Defendant Blue Line and/or Defendant Marcano.
- 25. Upon information and belief, for a substantial time prior to and up until the time of the time of the Crash, Defendant Marcano operated Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer for an excessive period of time, without proper and adequate rest periods, and was falling asleep at the wheel.
 - 26. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Marcano held a commercial driver's license.
- 27. The Crash was caused solely, directly, and proximately as a result of the individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, all as set forth more fully herein.
- 28. As a direct and proximate result of the Crash, both vehicles exploded into flames and were demolished, and Plaintiff was ejected from Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer and suffered catastrophic, debilitating, and life-changing personal injuries.
- 29. Plaintiff in no way or manner distracted from or interfered with Defendant Marcano's operation of Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer.
- 30. Plaintiff in no way or manner caused or contributed to the Crash or her resulting injuries.
- 31. As a direct and proximate result of the individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, and the resulting Crash, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer bodily injuries, traumatic brain injuries, severe pain, anxiety, depression, emotional and mental distress, humiliation, embarrassment, and/or loss of pleasures and enjoyment of life, and serious impairments of bodily functions.

- 32. As a direct and proximate result of the individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, the Crash, and Plaintiff's resulting injuries, Plaintiff has undergone and will in the future undergo various reasonable and necessary medical treatments.
- 33. As a direct and proximate result of the individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, the Crash, and Plaintiff's resulting injuries, Plaintiff has been and/or will in the future be required to spend money for medical treatment in an effort to treat and cure herself of the injuries she sustained, to her ongoing detriment and financial loss.
- 34. As a direct and proximate result of the individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, the Crash, and Plaintiff's resulting injuries, Plaintiff has been and will in the future be hindered and/or prevented from attending to and/or fully performing his usual and customary duties, hobbies and/or avocations, to her ongoing detriment and loss.
- 35. As a direct and proximate result of the individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, the Crash, and Plaintiff's resulting injuries, Plaintiff has been and will in the future be required to spend money for household help, to her ongoing detriment and financial loss.
- 36. As a direct and proximate result of the individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, the Crash, and Plaintiff's resulting injuries, Plaintiff has been and in the future will be prevented from being gainfully employed, resulting in a loss of earnings and/or an impairment of her earning capacity, to her ongoing detriment and loss.

COUNT I NEGLIGENCE Carolyn Hubbard v. Arkee Glover, Jr.

37. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.

- 38. The individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendant Glover included the following:
 - a. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck in such a manner as to cause a crash, specifically, merging onto a highway travel lane was it was unsafe to do so;
 - b. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck in such a manner as to cause a crash, specifically, failing to yield the right of way for vehicles traveling on the through highway as he pulled his vehicle off of the shoulder of the highway;
 - c. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck for an excessive period of time, without proper and adequate rest periods;
 - d. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck while impaired in disregard and indifference to the safety, rights and wellbeing of other motorists on the road;
 - e. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck without due regard for the rights, safety, wellbeing and position of other motorist on the highway, including Plaintiff, under the aforesaid circumstances;
 - f. Pulling Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck onto the shoulder of the highway for a non-emergency reason, when other safer options were available;
 - g. Failing to properly negotiate turns and curves in the road;
 - h. Failing to maintain control of Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck so as to remain on his side of the roadway;
 - i. Engaging in another activity which distracted him from the roadway conditions immediately in front of him;
 - j. Failing to be alert, aware and attentive to roadway conditions ahead of him;
 - k. Failing to take evasive action in order to avoid a crash;
 - 1. Failing to install and utilize available technology to alert and/or awaken its tractor trailer operators, including Defendant Glover if and when an operator becomes inattentive and/or falls asleep;
 - m. Failing to properly maintain Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck in a manner to permit safe operation upon the roadways;

- n. Failing to use proper and adequate judgment under the aforesaid circumstances;
- o. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck while he was unfit, unqualified and too impaired to safely do so;
- p. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. §3309, driving on roadways laned for traffic;
- q. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. §3714, careless driving;
- r. Operating Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. §3324, duties of a vehicle entering or crossing roadway; and
- s. Violating Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations, including regulations pertaining to: transport of hazardous materials; transport of flammable materials, the maximum hours of consecutive driving; operating a vehicle with deficient or subpar brakes or braking support mechanisms; operating a vehicle mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated on an interstate highway; log maintenance and recording.
- 39. Defendant Glover's conduct in this matter, to wit, a commercial driver failing to use proper caution and observe applicable motor vehicle codes and regulations, when transporting a tanker truck filled with a flammable hazardous material, was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant Glover.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant, Arkee Glover, Jr., in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

COUNT II
VICARIOUS LIABILITY
Carolyn Hubbard v. CRST Expedited, Inc.

- 40. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 41. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Defendant CRST, individually and/or jointly, directly and/or by and through its duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, contractors, subcontractors, and/or employees, all in the course and scope of such relationship, owned, operated, managed, maintained, controlled, supervised, and/or delegated and assigned operation of its trucking company.
- 42. At all times relevant hereto, upon information and belief, Defendant Glover was in the course and scope of his employment, agency, and/or authority as a tanker truck operator for Defendant CRST.
- 43. At no time relevant to this action did Defendant Glover commit, engage and/or partake in a "frolic and detour" from his appointed and/or assigned route, destination and/or mission on behalf of Defendant CRST.
- 44. For all acts and omissions and violations of state and federal laws for which Defendant Glover, but for his death, would be liable, Defendant CRST is vicariously liable for such acts and omissions as his employer, principal and/or master.
- 45. Defendant CRST's individual, joint, and/or several conduct in this matter was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant CRST.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant, CRST Expedited, Inc., in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00),

together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

COUNT III NEGLIGENCE Carolyn Hubbard v. CRST Expedited, Inc.

- 46. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 47. The individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendant CRST, directly and/or by and through its duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen and/or employees, all in the course and scope of such relationship included the following:
 - a. Failing to properly maintain and inspect its vehicles including its aforesaid tanker truck in a manner to permit safe operation when traveling upon highways and roadways;
 - b. Failing to implement a reasonable schedule, so that its tanker truck operators, including Defendant Glover were not required to drive for excessive periods;
 - c. Failing to install and utilize available technology to alert and/or awaken its tanker truck operators, including Defendant Glover if and when an operator becomes inattentive and/or falls asleep;
 - d. Failing to install and utilize available technology to monitor for and alert its tanker truck operators, including Defendant Glover, when vehicles alongside of its tanker trucks as said trucks changed lanes;
 - e. Creating, promoting and/or fostering a policy and/or custom by which its tanker truck operators, including Defendant Glover, routinely violated state and federal laws enacted for the purpose of ensuring the safe operation of vehicles under the aforesaid circumstances;
 - f. Failing to properly train and/or supervise its tanker truck operators, including Defendant Glover, with respect to the proper and safe operation of such vehicles;

- g. Hiring, employing or otherwise authorizing operators including Defendant Glover to operate a tanker truck despite such operators' inexperience, inability and incompetence to carefully and safely to do so;
- h. Entrusting its tanker truck to Defendant Glover's care, custody and operation; and
- i. Failing to take reasonable precautions to prevent Defendant Glover from driving a tanker truck at a time when Defendant Glover was incapable of operating said tanker truck safely and with due and proper care for other motorists.
- 48. Defendant CRST's individual, joint, and/or several conduct in this matter was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant CRST

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant, CRST Expedited, Inc., in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

COUNT IV NEGLIGENCE Carolyn Hubbard v. Lawrence Marcano

- 49. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 50. The individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendant Marcano included the following:
 - a. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in such a manner as to cause a crash, specifically, following Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck too closely;

- b. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in such a manner as to cause a crash, specifically, failing to move into the left travel lane upon approaching Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck;
- c. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in such a manner as to cause a crash, specifically, failing to reduce his speed upon approaching Defendant CRST's Tanker Truck;
- d. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in such a manner as to cause a crash, specifically falling to take evasive actions to avoid the Crash;
- e. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer for an excessive period of time, without proper and adequate rest periods;
- f. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer despite experiencing inattentiveness, drowsiness, fatigue, and/or somnolence;
- g. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer without due regard for the rights, safety, wellbeing and position of the Plaintiff under the aforesaid circumstances;
- h. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer at an excessive rate of speed;
- i. Failing to be alert, aware and attentive to roadway conditions ahead of him;
- j. Failing to take evasive action in order to avoid a crash;
- k. Failing to install and utilize available technology to alert and/or awaken its tractor trailer operators, including Defendant Marcano if and when an operator becomes inattentive and/or falls asleep;
- 1. Failing to install and utilize available technology in Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer, to avoid and prevent front end collisions;
- m. Failing to properly maintain Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in a manner to permit safe operation upon the roadways;
- n. Failing to use proper and adequate judgment under the aforesaid circumstances;
- o. Failing to warn Plaintiff of Defendant Marcano' inattentiveness, drowsiness, fatigue, and/or somnolence;
- p. Failing to warn Plaintiff of the impending crash;

- q. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer while he was unfit, unqualified and too impaired to safely do so;
- r. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. §3361, driving too fast for conditions;
- s. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. §3309, driving on roadways laned for traffic;
- t. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. §3327, duty of driver in relation to disabled vehicles;
- u. Operating Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. §3714, careless driving; and
- v. Violating Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations, including regulations pertaining to: the maximum hours of consecutive driving; exceeding maximum weight carrying regulations, i.e., being "overweight" at the time of the Crash; operating a tractor trailer with deficient or subpar brakes or braking support mechanisms; operating a tractor trailer mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated on an interstate highway; log maintenance and recording.
- 51. Defendant Marcano's conduct in this matter, to wit, a commercial driver failing to observe applicable motor vehicle codes and regulations, and driving without proper and adequate rest periods and despite experiencing drowsiness and somnolence, was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant Marcano.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant Marcano, in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

COUNT V VICARIOUS LIABILITY Carolyn Hubbard v. S.F. Deen Trucking, Inc.

- 52. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 53. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Defendant S.F. Deen, individually and/or jointly, directly and/or by and through its duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, contractors, subcontractors, and/or employees, all in the course and scope of such relationship, owned, operated, managed, maintained, controlled, supervised, and/or delegated and assigned operation of its trucking company.
- 54. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Marcano was in the course and scope of his employment, agency, and/or authority as a tractor trailer operator for Defendant S.F. Deen.
- 55. At no time relevant to this action did Defendant Marcano commit, engage and/or partake in a "frolic and detour" from his appointed and/or assigned route, destination and/or mission on behalf of Defendant S.F. Deen.
- 56. For all acts and omissions and violations of state and federal laws for which Defendant Marcano is liable, Defendant S.F. Deen is vicariously liable for such acts and omissions as his employer, principal and/or master.
- 57. Defendant S.F. Deen's conduct in this matter was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant S.F. Deen.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant S.F. Deen Trucking, Inc. in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

COUNT VI NEGLIGENCE

Carolyn Hubbard v. S.F. Deen Trucking, Inc.

- 58. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 59. The individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendant S.F. Deen, directly and/or by and through their duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen and/or employees, all in the course and scope of such relationship included the following:
 - a. Failing to properly maintain and inspect its vehicles including the aforesaid Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer in a manner to permit safe operation when traveling upon highways and roadways;
 - b. Failing to implement a reasonable schedule, so that its tractor trailer operators, including Defendant Marcano were not required to drive for excessive periods;
 - c. Failing to install and utilize available technology to alert and/or awaken its tractor trailer operators, including Defendant Marcano if and when an operator becomes inattentive and/or falls asleep;
 - d. Failing to install and utilize available technology in Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer, to avoid and prevent front end collisions;
 - e. Creating, promoting and/or fostering a policy and/or custom by which its tractor trailer operators, including Defendant Marcano, routinely violated state and federal laws enacted for the purpose of ensuring the safe operation of vehicles under the aforesaid circumstances;
 - f. Failing to properly train and/or supervise its tractor trailer operators, including Defendant Marcano, with respect to the proper and safe operation of such vehicles;
 - g. Hiring, employing or otherwise authorizing operators including Defendant Marcano to operate a tractor trailer despite such operators' inexperience and incompetence to carefully and safely to do so;
 - h. Entrusting its tractor trailer to Defendant Marcano' care, custody and operation; and

- i. Failing to take reasonable precautions to prevent Defendant Marcano from driving a tractor trailer at a time when Defendant Marcano was incapable of operating said tractor trailer safely and with due and proper care for other motorists.
- 60. Defendant S.F. Deen's conduct in this matter was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant S.F. Deen.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant S.F. Deen, in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

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- 61. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 62. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Defendant Blue Line, individually and/or jointly, directly and/or by and through its duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, contractors, subcontractors, and/or employees, all in the course and scope of such relationship, owned, operated, managed, maintained, controlled, supervised, and/or delegated and assigned operation of its semi-trailer company.
- 63. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Marcano was in the course and scope of his employment, agency, and/or authority as a trailer transporter for Defendant Blue Line.

- 64. At no time relevant to this action did Defendant Marcano commit, engage and/or partake in a "frolic and detour" from his appointed and/or assigned route, destination and/or mission on behalf of Defendant Blue Line.
- 65. For all acts and omissions and violations of state and federal laws for which Defendant Marcano is liable, Defendant Blue Line is vicariously liable for such acts and omissions as his employer, principal and/or master.
- 66. Defendant Blue Line's conduct in this matter was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant Blue Line.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant Blue Line Global, Inc., in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

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- 67. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 68. The individual, joint and/or several negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendant Blue Line Global, directly and/or by and through its duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen and/or employees, all in the course and scope of such relationship included the following:
 - a. Failing to properly maintain and inspect its vehicles including the aforesaid Defendant Blue Line's semi-trailer in a manner to permit safe transport when traveling upon highways and roadways;

- b. Failing to implement a reasonable schedule, so that its semi-trailer transporters, including Defendant Marcano were not required to drive for excessive periods;
- c. Failing to install and utilize available technology to alert and/or awaken its semi-trailer transporters, including Defendant Marcano if and when an operator becomes inattentive and/or falls asleep;
- d. Failing to install and utilize available technology in Defendant S.F. Deen's Tractor Trailer, to avoid and prevent front end collisions;
- e. Creating, promoting and/or fostering a policy and/or custom by which its semi-trailer transporters, including Defendant Marcano, routinely violated state and federal laws enacted for the purpose of ensuring the safe transport of vehicles under the aforesaid circumstances;
- f. Failing to properly train and/or supervise its semi-trailer transporters, including Defendant Marcano, with respect to the proper and safe transport of such vehicles;
- g. Hiring, employing or otherwise authorizing operators including Defendant Marcano to transport a semi-trailer despite such transporters' inexperience and incompetence to carefully and safely to do so;
- h. Entrusting its semi-trailer to Defendant Marcano's care, custody and transport; and
- i. Failing to take reasonable precautions to prevent Defendant Marcano from transporting a semi-trailer at a time when Defendant Marcano was incapable of transporting said semi-trailer safely and with due and proper care for other motorists.
- 69. Defendant Blue Line's conduct in this matter was reckless, wanton and outrageous and justifies the imposition of punitive damages against Defendant Blue Line.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Carolyn Hubbard, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, and specifically against Defendant Blue Line Global, Inc. in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with punitive damages in a sum to be determined by a jury, and such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

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